regulate either subscription charges levied by the Pay Channels/Cable Operators or the charges payable by the Cable Operators to the TV Broadcasting Companies. These charges are based on commercial understanding between the Broadcasting Companies, Cable Operators and the subscribers, and the rates are market driven.

Advisory committee on advertisement

3027. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details and functions of Advisory Committee for advertisement and the expenditure incurred on it; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to improve its working and output?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Panel Advisory Committee (PAC) has been constituted to assist Director, DAVP in empanelment of newspapers/publications for issue of Government advertisements. The Committee, headed by Director, DAVP, consists of three members of recognised newspaper associations to represent the small, medium and big segments of newspaper industry, the Addl. Principal Information Officer, (Press Information Bureau), Press Registrar (Office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India) and Joint/Deputy Secretary, Ministry of I and B dealing with Print Media. There is no expenditure incurred on PAC.

(b) The Panel Advisory Committee has evolved its own procedure in order to facilitate it own working.

Proposal for telecasting of scientific programmes for children

3028. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to telecast scientific programmes for children on DD Metro and Doordarshan National Channel from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government for telecasting these programmes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has intimated the Doordarshan telecasts following scientific programmes for children on Doordarshan National Channel:—

(1) Terra Quiz, (2) Turning Point,

Children's programmes are also telecast for half-an-hour per week on Regional Kendras of Doordarshan.

Prasar Bharati has intimated that the DD-Metro has not received any proposal to telecast scientific programmes for children. DD Bharati has a window for children's programmes from 2.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Family Courts

†3029. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to set up family courts in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the salient features of such courts;

(d) whether the said courts will be bound to dispose of the cases in a stipulated time-frame; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Family Courts are set up to promote conciliation in and secure speedy settlement of disputes relating to marriage and family affairs which *inter-alia*, include,

(i) proceedings for a decree of nullity of marriage.
(ii) Restitution of conjugal rights,

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†. Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.